AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0018] with the following paragraph:

[0018] Figure 4 is a cross sectional view of a connector in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention; **[[**and**]]**

Please replace Paragraph [0019] with the following paragraph:

[0019] Figure 5 is a perspective view of a coolant panel assembly in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention **[[**.**]]**; and

Please add the following paragraphs.

[0019.1] Figure 6 is an illustration of a section of a prior art monolithic liner for a gasification vessel having a crack due to unequal coefficient of thermal expansion.

Please replace Paragraph [0026] with the following paragraph:

[0026] The coolant liner 28 is ideally suited for coal gasification by the fact that its wall thicknesses are relatively thin (below about 0.08 in.) so that the hot side wall temperatures remains below the slag/ceramic reaction temperature threshold of about 2000 degrees Fahrenheit (about 1093 degrees Celsius). ~~The fibers~~ Fibers 38 of the coolant liner may be made from alumina (Al2O3), chromia (Cr2O3), silicon carbide (SiC), or carbon. Though, for service in the alkali and sulfurous environment in the reactor, alumina and chromia fibers 38 are preferred. **[[**The**]]** A matrix 40 of the coolant liner 36 may be made of alumina, chromia, or silicon-carbide (SiC). Though, for resistance to chemical attack from the alkali metal silicates (slag), ~~a matrix 36~~ the matrix 40 of either silicon carbide or a mixture of alumina and chromia is preferred. However, if lower thermal conductivity walls are desired and can be tolerated for other applications, the matrix material may be alumina/chromia mixtures.